

STATE OF NEVADA

Department of Conservation & Natural Resources

Jim Gibbons, Governor Allen Biaggi, Director

DIVISION OF ENVIRONMENTAL PROTECTION

Leo M. Drozdoff, P.E., Administrator

NOTICE OF PROPOSED ACTION

The Administrator, Division of Environmental Protection, Carson City, Nevada is issuing the following notice of proposed action under the Nevada Revised Statutes and the Federal Clean Water Act. The Administrator has received an application for National Pollutant Discharge Elimination System (NPDES) Permit # NV0023531 from the following applicant:

Staker & Parson Companies P. O. Box 27598 Salt Lake City, UT 84116

Staker & Parson Companies owns and operates the construction sand and gravel mining operation located at 2755 Last Chance Road, near Elko, Elko County, Nevada. The facility requires dewatering of active excavations. Groundwater is pumped from the excavation to a series of settling ponds, which ultimately discharge to the Humboldt River. The Division requires that the applicant obtain an NPDES discharge permit. The dewatering discharge will be limited to a maximum flow of 5.184 MGD. Based on a review of the NPDES permit application, the Division has made the tentative determination to issue the NPDES permit for a period of five (5) years.

Persons wishing to comment upon or object to the proposed determinations by the Administrator regarding permit issuance, or request a hearing pursuant to the Nevada Administrative Code, Water Pollution Control, should submit their comments or request, in writing, within thirty (30) days of the date of newspaper publication, hand-delivered or postmarked no later than 5:00 P.M. on March 17, 2008, either in person or by mail to:

Division of Environmental Protection Bureau of Water Pollution Control 901 S. Stewart Street, Suite 4001 Carson City, NV 89701-5249

Comments and/or hearing requests received via facsimile or e-mail before 5:00 P.M. March 17, 2008 will also be accepted. All requests for hearings must indicate the interest of the person filing the request and the reason(s) why a hearing is warranted. All comments or objections received within the thirty (30) day comment period will be considered in the formulation of final determinations regarding the application. If written comments indicate a significant degree of public interest in the proposed permit, the Administrator shall hold a public hearing. The public notice of such hearings will be issued not less than thirty (30) days prior to the public hearing date.

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If no hearing is held and the determinations of the Administrator are substantially changed from the tentative determinations, the Administrator will give public notice of the revised determinations. Additional comments and objections will be considered at that time.

The application, proposed permit, comments received, and other information are on file and may be copied or copies may be obtained by writing to the above address or by contacting Janine Hartley, Bureau of Water Pollution Control at (775) 687-9458, or at jhartley@ndep.nv.gov. The office facsimile number is (775) 687-4684. This notice and the Fact Sheet for this facility are also available on the NDEP website at www.ndep.nv.gov/admin/public.htm.

Please bring the foregoing notice to the attention of all persons who may be interested in this matter.